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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PGOV, CY  
SUBJECT: MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS ON ELECTION OF KYPRIANOU

REF: NICOSIA 2304

1. IT NOW SEEMS CLEAR THAT KYPRIANOU WILL BE ACCLAIMED AS PRESIDENT OF CYPRUS EVENING AUGUST 31. HE WILL TAKE THE AFFIRMATION (OATH) OF OFFICE ON SEPTEMBER 3. MOST EUROPEAN MISSIONS EXPECT THEIR GOVERNMENTS WILL SEND MESSAGES OF CONGRATULATIONS AND WE BELIEVE A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CARTER WOULD BE APPROPRIATE.

2. KYPRIANOU WILL USE A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CARTER, AS WELL AS OTHER INDICATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION, TO IMPRESS UPON THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS HIS STATUS AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS. TURKISH CYPRIOTS WILL REACT HARSHLY AGAINST CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES. WE BELIEVE THE MESSAGE CAN BE SO DRAFTED AS TO MINIMIZE ADVERSE REACTIONS BY TURK CYPRIOTS ON ISSUES OF PARTICULAR CONCERN TO THEM (DIRECT REFERENCE TO ELECTION AND SUCCESSION) AND YET ALSO BE WELCOMED  
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BY GOC AND GREEK CYPRIOTS. WITH THIS OBJECTIVE, WE SUGGEST FOR DEPARTMENT AND WHITE HOUSE CONSIDERATION A MESSAGE ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

"HIS EXCELLENCY SPYROS KYPRIANOU, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS. DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, I SEND WARM CONGRATULA-

TIONS ON THE OCCASION OF YOUR INVESTITURE AS PRESIDENT.  
I APPRECIATE THE MAGNITUDE OF THE BURDERS YOU ARE  
ASSUMING. AS YOU HAVE STATED, THE SEARCH FOR A JUST AND  
LASTING SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEMS WHICH SEPARATE THE  
PEOPLE OF CYPRUS WILL CONTINUE TO BE A PRIMARY CONCERN.  
PLEASE BE ASSURED THAT WE IN THE UNITED STATES REMAIN  
ACTIVELY INTERESTED IN AN EARLY SOLUTION ON CYPRUS AND  
STAND READY TO ASSIST THE PARTIES IN THEIR EFFORTS  
TOWARD THAT OBJECTIVE. YOU HAVE OUR BEST WISHES AS YOU  
CONFRONT THE TASKS AHEAD."

3. WE ALSO RECOMMEND THAT THE MESSAGE BE HANDLED IN  
NORMAL FASHION, I.E., NO ANNOUNCEMENT IN WASHINGTON,  
BUT WITH RECIPIENT FREE TO RELEASE IT IF HE DESIRES.  
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